

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application, and for the suggestions for amending the application. However, in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks that follow, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.

Specification:

The specification has been amended to address the issues raised by the Examiner in paragraph 1 on page 2 of the Official Action. However, concerning the matter on page 4, line 20, Applicant notes that in the published application, in paragraph [0014], the two words are not run together. Accordingly, correction has not been made. Applicant has also corrected additional typing errors in addition to those identified by the Examiner.

35 U.S.C. §101:

Claims 12-14 and 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claims are allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. In view of that rejection, the claims have been amended to recite the claimed subject matter as "a computer readable medium storing a printing program for causing a printing device to execute". Claim 16 has been similarly amended. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 12-14 and 16 now comply with 35 U.S.C. §101.

Art Rejections:

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 11-13, and 15-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by JP 06-247012, hereinafter Yuichi. In paragraph [0007] of the published application, the Yuichi reference is discussed. Yuichi discloses a system wherein a print job may include a control code for

changing the default setup of a printer to a setup identified in the control code of the printing job. However, Yuichi does not teach or suggest such a control code being used for test printing.

As explained in paragraphs [0005] and [0006] of the published application, printers are frequently made by original equipment manufacturers in order to be exported to a plurality of countries. In such cases, it is necessary to set up a unique default for certain destination countries. Therefore, a plurality of default setups can exist for a particular printer model. Having such a plurality of default setups requires a particular default to be set for each printer, prior to shipping to the destination country. Selecting such default takes time and provides an opportunity for error.

However, by including the default setup modifying command together with the test print image data in a test printing job, the manufacturer may test the printer and set the default set up to the appropriate setup in one operation. By combining the processes of running a test print and setting the default image at the same time, greater efficiency and a reduction in human error is accomplished.

Turning attention to the present invention, each of the independent claims of the present application has been amended to clarify that the printing job includes test print image data and a command, and when the command is a default setup modifying command, the printing unit prints the test print image according to the modified default setup and modifies the default of the printing unit to the modified default setup identified in the printing job. Accordingly, as set forth above, the present invention enables an original equipment manufacturer to more efficiently setup and test a printer before shipping it to a destination country.


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this response, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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